

REMARKS

This invention relates to the safening of benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivatives which are useful for the growing of crops in particular for maize and to compositions useful for such treatments.


A check for \$234.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of adding 13 dependent claims in excess of 20. It is believed that no further fee is due. If, however, an additional fee is required, the Director is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0320.

Claims 1-57 are pending. Applicants amended claims 4 and 6 and added new claims 45-57. The amendments to claims 4 and 6 are done to correct dependency and now claims 4 and 6 are properly dependent from claim 1. Support for new claims 45-50 is found throughout the specification and from the pending claims 4 and 6, and support for new claims 51-56 is found throughout the specification and from pending claims 11 and 14. The amendments to claim 1 were made for formal reasons, i.e., to delete the words "especially" and "preferably". The dependent claims recite these preferred embodiments (see, e.g. claims 11, 51 to 53 and 57). As these changes do not affect the scope of the originally claimed subject matter, the application of the doctrine of equivalents is not affected. Thus, no new matter is added.

The amendments and the remarks made herein are not made for reasons related to patentability and thus, do not prevent the application of the doctrine of equivalents.

Favorable consideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance
are earnestly solicited.

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